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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Friday, January 7, 2022.

The victim will be identified upon notification to the next of kin.

At approximately 11:10 a.m., West Precinct officers were dispatched to the intersection of Slayden Avenue @ Birmingport Road.

The preliminary investigation suggests a passerby called police stating they observed what appeared to be a burned body near the roadway on Slayden Avenue.

Officers arrived on the scene and traveled to the 2800 block of Slayden Avenue where they observed a body burned beyond recognition off of the roadway. Officers observed signs on the scene that would lead us to believe this is a homicide investigation.

Currently, there is no suspect(s) in custody.

If there is anyone who has information pertaining to the case, please contact the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ 205-254-1764 or Crime Stoppers @ 205-254-7777.

Anonymous tips can also be submitted to Crime Stoppers through the Birmingham Police Department's Mobile App on Android or IOS devices. Updates will be provided as information comes available.

This is Birmingham's 5th murder investigation of 2022.

The Birmingham Police Department adheres to FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines set for all law enforcement agencies across the United States. FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines do not require law enforcement agencies to include justifiable death investigations into the total homicide investigations counts.

The information is based on a preliminary and ongoing investigation, which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed

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